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**TESTIMONIAL  
RESOLUTIONS  
AND SPECIAL  
PRIVILEGE**

# Testimonial Resolution

## SHAR, Inc.

### 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Anniversary Celebration

- Whereas,** Since its inception in 1969, **Self-Help Addiction Rehabilitation, Inc. (SHAR)** has provided high-quality behavioral healthcare services to individuals in the Greater-Detroit area. Founded by Father Dan Kuchars and two recovering individuals, Seymour Feiner and Jerry Stephens, in the basement of St. Agnes Church in Detroit, Michigan, **SHAR** has grown and evolved from a small therapeutic community to a multi-million dollar human service agency serving approximately 6,000 individuals annually; **and**
- Whereas,** **SHAR's** mission is to assist socially and economically disadvantaged individuals and to promote lifestyle enhancement. Regardless of whether the challenge the person faces is alcohol or other drug addictions, being a veteran or homeless, battling with mental or physical health issues, struggling women with children, or any number of other issues, **SHAR** has consistently developed innovative programming and services aimed at alleviating the pain of the individual; **and**
- Whereas,** The late Allen Bray, served as the Executive Director/CEO of **SHAR** from August 1983 to June 2006. Since 2008, **SHAR** has been operating under the leadership of Dwight Vaughter. Initially, he was faced with the challenge of revitalizing an agency that was on the verge of closing its doors. He aggressively, strategically and prudently tackled the various operational and funding challenges, while continuing to expand service delivery. This resulted in **SHAR** acquiring two additional sites, **SHAR Macomb** and **SHAR Academy**; **and**
- Whereas,** Today, **SHAR** has four facilities: **SHAR Main**, **SHAR Academy**, **Maybury – Grand** and **SHAR Macomb**. **SHAR's** service delivery ranges from detoxification for males and females to male-specific residential substance abuse treatment, outpatient programs, transitional housing, to recovery support and prevention services. **SHAR** has specialty programs for men, employed persons, individuals under correctional supervision, and individuals with co-occurring disorders. **SHAR** also offers on-site Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and Narcotics Anonymous (NA) support meetings; **and**
- Whereas,** **SHAR's** focus always has been aimed at stopping substance use and providing relief to the individuals and their families who are so adversely impacted. **SHAR** has provided the necessary and ever-growing list of wrap-around services to help thousands of people change their lives. **SHAR's** operation is inspired by Dr. Booker T. Washington's quote: "*SUCCESS is to be measured not so much by the position reached in life as by the obstacles overcome while trying to succeed.*" **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- Resolved,** That the **Detroit City Council** and office of Council President Brenda Jones recognize **SHAR, Inc.** on this momentous occasion celebrating its **50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Anniversary**.

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